

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN EDUCATION

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries with whom bilateral agreements were signed by the Union Government to strengthen international cooperation in the field of education during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the existing schemes for strengthening of international cooperation in the field of education are likely to be continued during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the progress achieved so far in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. PURANDESWARI)

(a): This Ministry has signed exclusive exchange programmes in the form of Educational Exchange Programme (EEP) or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the following twenty four countries to strengthen international cooperation in the field of education during the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007):

1. MONGOLIA 9. SYRIA 17. CROATIA
2. ARMENIA 10. UZBEKISTAN 18. ECUADOR
3. TANZANIA 11. NEW ZEALAND 19. RWANDA
4. GUYANA 12. THAILAND 20. SOUTH AFRICA
5. ISRAEL 13. SRILANKA 21. SAUDI ARABIA
6. AUSTRALIA 14. MEXICO 22. CHINA
7. MYANMAR 15. BRAZIL 23. PORTUGAL
8. HUNGARY 16. AFGHANISTAN 24. FRANCE

(b) to (d): Yes, Sir. During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, Educational Exchange programmes (EEPs/MOUs) with 3 countries, i.e., with Ethiopia, Vietnam and Oman have been signed. During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the meetings of the Joint Working Groups (JWG) constituted under EEPs/MOUs signed during the Tenth Five Year Plan in case of Brazil, France, New Zealand, Thailand, Sri Lanka have taken place. A Plan Scheme for Strengthening of External Academic Relations is operated by the Ministry with the objective of furthering the mutual exchange of visits and strengthen educational bilateral relations with important countries.